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SUBJ: TRAVELERS FROM CUBA

1. MR ELLIOTT WHO CLAIMS BIRTH AT WILLETTTS, LOUISIANA ON
DEC 26, 1922 AND HIS SON DERRICK BORN IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 4 September 2013], ARRIVED IN BARBADOS JULY 24 ON WEEKLY FLIGHT
OF CUBAN AIRLINES FROM HAVANA.

2. THE ELLIOTTS TRIED TO OBTAIN PASSAGE TO US THIS MORNING
BUT BRITISH WEST INDIES AIRLINE (BWIA) WOULD NOT CARRY MR
ELLIOTT SINCE HE DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF CITIZENSHIP
AND REFERRED THEM TO EMBASSY. MR ELLIOTT HAS PRESENTED A
CUBAN CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY (TITULO DE IDENTIDAD Y DE
TRANSITO) ISSUED IN HAVANA ON JULY 23, 1974 SHOWING HIS BIRTH
DATE AS JULY 4, 1925 AND HIS SON IS IN POSSESSION OF HOSPITAL
BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN BATON ROUGE.

3. MR ELLIOTT APPEARED AT THE EMBASSY TO OBTAIN PROOF OF
AMERICAN NATIONALITY TO BE USED TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. HE WAS
UNAWARE THAT BWIA HAD ALREADY TELEPHONED ABOUT HIS CASE AND
HE RELATED A CONFUSED STORY ABOUT TRAVELING FROM THE U.S.
TO BARBADOS THROUGH BAHAMAS AND HAVING LOST HIS US ARMY
DISCHARGE PAPERS (ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38655188) WHICH HE HAD
BEEN USING IN LIEU OF PASSPORT.

4. MR ELLIOTT EVENTUALLY AGREED THAT HIS STORY WAS INCORRECT
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AND THAT HE HAD IN FACT ARRIVED PREVIOUS DAY FROM CUBA. HE

AND SON HAVE BEEN IN CUBA SINCE NOVEMBER 1971. HE STATES HE TRAVELED TO CUBA ON HIS DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS THERE AND TO GATHER MATERIAL FOR A BOOK WHICH HE EXPECTS TO WRITE. HE CLAIMS HE HAS NEVER HAD BIRTH CERTIFICATE. MR ELLIOTT STATES THAT HE MADE INFORMAL APPLICATION IN 1960 FOR PASSPORT AT PHILADELPHIA TO TRAVEL TO CUBA BUT NEVER FILED APPLICATION SINCE EMPLOYEE OF PASSPORT AGENCY "GAVE HIM HARD TIME" FOR ASKING FOR TRAVEL INFORMATION.

5. HE CLAIMS HE DID NOT APPROACH SWISS EMBASSY HAVANA FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OR ASSISTANCE SINCE HE WAS "AFRAID TO DO SO".

6. APPLICANT IS OBTAINING PHOTOS AND WILL MAKE APPLICATION FOR JOINT PASSPORT. PASSPORT OFFICE REQUESTED TO TREAT THIS CABLE AS "FIRST TIME PASSPORT APPLICATION. ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY PASSPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED ON JULY 31 IF NO ADVERSE INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY ARE RECEIVED.

7. APPLICANT HAS APPROXIMATELY \$100.00 IN HIS POSSESSION AND IS CONTACTING HALF-BROTHER, MARCUS J. BARNES OF 2675 79TH STREET, BATON ROUGE (TEL: 504-355 3838) FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.
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